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LOUISA, LAWRENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MARCH 10, 1916.

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## EXPLOSION KILLS A MAN AND HORSES

MONT FOUTY BLOWN TO ATOMS  
BY BIG CHARGE OF NITRO-  
GLYCERINE.

237 Quarts of the Deadly Stuff Lets Go  
Two Miles From Louisa, While Be-  
ing Removed From the Magazine by  
a Professional Well Shooter.

Shortly before 8 o'clock last Monday morning Monte Fouty, oil well shooter in the employ of the Southern Torpedo company, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was torn to pieces by the explosion of 237 quarts of nitroglycerine. The accident occurred at the magazine used by the company for storing the explosive. The magazine was a small building in that neighborhood. Fouty left Louisa about six o'clock Monday morning, driving a two-horse team owned by James Vinson, livery man of this city. The horses were torn into fragments and nothing was left of the wagon except a few widely scattered pieces. The noise of the explosion was heard for many miles. But few persons had any idea what had caused it, and on account of the blasting that had been done on the N. & W. railroad a mile or so below town in removing a slip on the track it did not attract any special attention. Two or three persons in town, however, knowing of the magazine where it was, surmised the true cause of the terrible report and immediately left for the scene. Arriving at the place they at once knew from the absence of the magazine and the immense hole in the ground what had happened. Of the body of Mr. Fouty nothing hardly could be found. Here and there at widely scattered intervals was a fragment of human flesh showing what had happened. These remains were gathered together, making possibly a double handful, of what had been a robust man in the prime of life. They were brought to Louisa and placed in a casket, and accompanied as far as Huntington by undertaker Snyder, were shipped Monday night to Branchland, West Va., which was the last home of the deceased. Fouty lived in Louisa about three years ago, occupying what is known as the old M. E. Church parsonage. He was between 50 and 55 years of age and is survived by a widow and five children.

He was an excellent man in the business in which he was engaged, having been so employed for nearly 20 years. He had the reputation of being skillful and careful in his work. When he left here with the team in the morning it was his intention to take a load of the dangerous stuff to a well on the land of John Yates, a distance of some three or four miles from the scene of the explosion, where it was to have been used on Monday to shoot a well that had been drilled by the Big Blaine Oil company. The cause of the explosion, of course, is mere conjecture. The tracks of the wagon showed that it had been driven up to the magazine. The magazine was a box-like structure built of heavy boards. The effects of the explosion were manifested for a radius of several miles, windows being blown out and houses shaken. The magazine was on the land of Mr. Wallace, a part of the old Arnett farm, not far from the head of the Harris Branch, some 2 1/2 or 3 miles by the road from Louisa. The house closest to the scene of the disaster was occupied by Wm. Ekers, Mr. Ekers was at the time hitching up a team of horses and he and both horses were thrown to the ground by the force of the explosion, but were not hurt. The size of the hole made by the nitroglycerine is variously estimated, one party saying it was big enough to hold the C. & O. depot of this place. Another says it is about 20 feet in diameter and five or six feet deep. The team was one that had made the trip on various occasions before and was a very valuable one, being worth, according to the estimate of its owner at least \$400. It had frequently been driven by Dock Peterman of this place and it had been his intention to drive it out on this fateful morning, but he indicated to Mr. Fouty that he did not feel well enough to go Monday morning and remained in bed, and to this illness he probably owes his life. The scene of the disaster has been visited by hundreds of people. It was, the NEWS thinks, the first occurrence of the kind in this county and it is hoped a similar occurrence will never again happen.

"Mickey" Harris, an oil well pumper who lives near where the accident occurred, started from his home with Fouty, but his wife prevailed upon him to remain at home, and thus his life was saved.

**MUZZLE YOUR DOG.**  
The City Council has passed an ordinance which requires that all dogs running at large must be muzzled. The ordinance makes it the duty of the Marshal to kill all unmuzzled dogs found on the streets.

The law should be strictly enforced.

Rev. L. E. McElowney is in the midst of a big revival meeting at Pikeville and the people there do not want him to come home for a few days yet. We can readily understand this, but he is missed at Louisa. At this writing it is not known whether he will return in time for services Sunday. The Pikeville meeting is largely attended and much good is being accomplished.

## INJURED BY THE FALL OF AN ELEVATOR.

By a fall of a freight elevator in the Snyder Hardware establishment, formerly occupied by the Snyder Bros., on Tuesday morning two persons, George Picklesimer and Henry E. Evans, both of this city, were painfully and severely injured. They had been loading the elevator on the second floor with glass and other articles and were just about to step off the elevator when it fell to the first floor. Mr. Picklesimer was badly injured about the head. He was able to go to the hospital where it was found that the scalp had been badly lacerated and bruised on the left side of the head, making a very ugly wound. It was dressed by Dr. York and the injured man went home. His injury, which is very painful, will lay him up for some time, is not considered dangerous. The injuries sustained by Mr. Evans are very serious and may possibly make him a cripple for life. The left knee sustained a forward dislocation and the knee cap was cut loose from its attachment below the knee, altogether making the injury a very bad one to handle. The large ligament below the knee was cut entirely through, almost as cleanly as if it had been done by a knife. Mr. Evans thinks this was done by the violent contact of his leg with the edge of the box. His injuries were dressed by Drs. York and Bromley and the patient is doing as well as could possibly be expected. He passed a very bad night Tuesday, but is now resting somewhat more comfortably. It is supposed that the accident was caused by the loss or breaking of the pin somewhere in the machinery that controlled the running of the elevator.

## HAY-CYRUS. Marriage of a Daughter of County Court Clerk.

Married, Tuesday, March 7, at the home of the bride, Miss Adeline Hay, daughter of the Rev. M. A. Hay, to Mr. Landay Cyrus, of Smoky Valley. The Rev. N. H. Young, pastor of the M. E. Church, was the officiating minister. The bride is a very attractive and intelligent young woman. For a long time she had been the efficient deputy county clerk of the Lawrence county court, doing her work correctly and rapidly. She is a fine typewriter, accurate and quick. She will be greatly missed in the office and in the home where she was an affectionate daughter.

## CONFERENCE MISSIONARY MEETINGS AT ASHLAND.

The annual meeting of the missionary societies of the M. E. Church South, Western Virginia Conference, will be held at Ashland beginning to-day, March 10th, and closing at noon next Tuesday.

The delegates from Louisa are Mrs. Augustus Snyder, Adult society; Miss Bessie Hewlett, Young Peoples; Jim Ferguson, juvenile. Others from here will attend at least a part of the meetings.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The City Council met Tuesday evening, March 7, with all members present but H. E. Evans. The following claims were allowed:  
Louisa Water & Improvement company \$80.00, W. M. Yates \$42.50, Albert Murray \$15.00. The Marshal was ordered to keep all the street crossings clean, and notify everybody not to throw any papers, sticks or anything upon the streets, and if they do the ordinance will be strictly enforced.

## EIGHT NEW WELLS IN ESTILL.

The past week has proved a record breaker in point of good completions and deals involving big sums of money. In fact, the eight wells completed since our last issue show good for 25 to 100 barrels. Perhaps the best well in the lot was drilled in by Rouff, Hupp & Duff and showed a production of 100 barrels in 10 hours pumping. The wells completed the past week are located in various sections of the field, and the fact that not a single dry hole was scored is indeed encouraging to all.

## M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday school 9:00 a. m.  
Preaching 10:30 a. m. Subject—"Inward Truth." Psalms 51:6.  
Preaching 6:45 p. m. Subject—"Power of the Will." Eph. 6:10.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:45 p. m.  
Choir practice Friday 7:00 p. m.  
Ladies Aid will not meet any more until after the revival. N. H. YOUNG, Pastor.

## COAL MAGNATE ILL.

N. V. James, West Virginia Operator, Reported in Serious Condition.

N. V. James, for many years Secretary and Treasurer of the War Eagle Coal Company and Secretary and Director of the Thacker Coal Mining Company, of Mingo-co, West Virginia, is critically ill at the Booth Memorial Hospital, Covington, suffering with Bright's disease and complications.

His physician, Dr. John R. Meek, said last night that little hope was held out for his recovery.

Mr. James is one of the leading Democrats of West Virginia, and has a wide circle of acquaintances in Cincinnati, especially among coal dealers. He is a former Ohio man. His wife is at his bedside.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## TELEGRAPH OPERATOR MEETS INSTANT DEATH

W. H. MAGGARD ELECTROCUTED  
AT C. AND O. DEPOT AT  
PRESTONSBURG.

W. Harrison Maggard, a telegraph operator at Prestonsburg, employed by the C. & O. railway, was electrocuted at nine o'clock Wednesday night while on duty at the station. Death was instantaneous.

He was signalling a freight train by the use of an electric light suspended by a cord from the ceiling, holding the bulb in his left hand. At the same time he grasped a lever controlling the block signals. This lever was heavily charged with an electric current and in taking hold of it he completed a circuit which sent him into eternity.

The current evidently came from heavily charged wires crossed with those leading into the station, said to have been the line carrying the electric power supplied to Prestonsburg by the Consolidation Coal company's plant. The heavy storms probably displaced the line.

Maggard was a popular young operator, 27 years old and unmarried. He had worked at various points along the Big Sandy division during the past few years, but for five years has been located at Prestonsburg, where his father also lives. The family formerly lived at Harold, Ky.

Earlier in the day Wm. Bentley, a Huntington traveling salesman, leaned against the same block levers and was badly shocked that physicians worked with him for an hour or more. He was able to return to Huntington, but is to-day reported to be suffering considerably.

## VIRGINIA VOTES STATEWIDE PROHIBITION.

Richmond, Va., March 6.—The lower branch of the Virginia general assembly Saturday night passed the Statewide prohibition bill 85 to 5. The bill has passed the Senate. One quart of whiskey a month a person is the limit prescribed by the bill on importation of intoxicants from other states. The law will go into operation November 1.

## DAVID HUGHES SOBERLY AFFLICTED.

Mr. David Hughes, of Busseyville, has for the third time within a period of seven months been called to suffer the loss by death of one of his family, his son, Charley Hughes having died on Saturday last. He was an excellent young man 25 years old. All the deaths were caused by tuberculosis. Mr. Hughes has the sympathy of all who know him.

## PRINCESS WOMAN DEAD AT 110.

Mrs. Leta Anna Moore, who is known to have been more than one hundred and ten years old, died Tuesday evening at her home in Princess. The deceased is survived by several children.

## TRIM YOUR FRUIT TREES WITHOUT DELAY

A VERY PRACTICAL AND TIMELY  
ARTICLE FROM THE COUN-  
TY AGENT.

Louisa, Ky., March 9, 1916.  
Editor Big Sandy News.

Dear Sir:—Every season of the year presents to the farmer a particular field of work, and his various products and profits are dependent upon the readiness with which he grasps the situation. Now is the time for the farmer to renovate the old orchard and to start the new one correctly.

Renovation usually falls under the following heads: Pruning, fertilizing, plowing and cultivating, cover crops, spraying. Pruning being of great importance I will treat of it briefly.

Pruning requires more study and a greater variation than any of the others. Each tree is going to be a problem by itself. Looking at it in this way the tree may be pruned normally, or it may be pruned severely, or it may be "dehorned," that is the top cut back severely. If the top is not over tall and there is not much dead wood in it then it should be given only a normal pruning. If the top is very high and there are very few water-sprouts lower down then the top ought to receive a severe pruning to start more water-sprouts in order that it may be dehorned later. It would be a mistake to dehorn at once, because there are not enough water-sprouts to take care of the food sent up by the roots.

It is a common mistake to dehorn trees which are really too good for such drastic treatment. If a tree has a reasonably good top it is much better to do the work gradually. The owner thus secures some return from his orchard each year and still the trees are improving all the time.

Having decided on which of the three types of treatment is to be meted out to the tree we begin our pruning. A safe rule to follow is to go over the entire tree and take out the dead wood so as to give a clear field for better judgment in taking out other limbs. Branches affected with blight should come out altogether. When such limbs

have been removed the remaining branches should be pruned in such manner as to give the tree balance leaving all the fruit spurs possible for the future crop.

In this renovation work the operator has to be very careful about the wounds which are made in pruning. In particular, no stubs should be left and all cuts should be painted or tarred over to facilitate the healing process.

All trees should now be sprayed with a lime-sulphur solution, which is a clean up spray preparatory to later spraying. It is the only thing that will put the trees in a healthy condition, and every person with a small orchard can well afford to spray. Barrel pumps can be purchased at very reasonable prices from most dealers. In buying a pump never get one with less than 100 pounds of pressure, 200 pound is better.

This subject can be expanded indefinitely but in conclusion to the farmer I wish to say, do not put off what you can do to-day in your orchard till tomorrow, for the unpruned tree, insects and fungi have no labor laws to govern working hours.

Very respectfully,  
A. C. Y., County Agent.

## THE MISSIONARY TEA.

The Missionary Tea given at the home of Miss Elizabeth Conley by the Young Peoples Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, last Saturday afternoon was a very pleasing and successful affair. The refreshments offered were very nice, daintily served, and highly enjoyed. The patronage given was quite liberal, a nice addition to the society's treasury being made.

## DEATH OF MRS. RICE.

Wife of Ezra Rice Passes Away at  
Sanitarium.

Mrs. Ezra Rice, who had been sick for some time in a sanitarium at Dayton, O., died there on Sunday, March 5th. The remains were brought to the old home place near the mouth of Two Mile for burial, which was made Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. H. B. Hewlett. Mrs. Rice had been sick for a long time in New Richmond, O., where they were living. Mr. Rice being employed on the dam at that place. She had been in the hospital since January. She leaves a husband and six children, the youngest being about a year and a half old. Mrs. Rice was the daughter of the late James Calvin Frazier, who died a few weeks ago. She was an excellent woman, being a good wife and mother.

## THE JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment given on last Friday evening by the Juvenile Missionary Society was a very delightful affair. The young people conducted themselves very well indeed, rendering in fine style a varied and beautiful program. It was under the able direction of Mrs. L. E. McElowney and the pleasing way in which those in her care rendered this program reflected great credit upon her as instructor and trainer. Each one who took a part in this entertainment conducted himself or herself so nicely that it would not be right to single out any one by words of praise. The exercises were well received by a large and highly pleased audience. Quite a neat little sum was the financial result of this affair. Miss Opal Spencer rendered valuable service in a musical way while Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace, Jr., was useful in arranging for the entertainment.

## A UNIQUE ELOPEMENT.

On last Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Bowen were again terrified on finding that their daughter Lila, who had attempted an elopement some six weeks ago, with Mr. Cullie Meek, of Busseyville, Ky., was again missing. A search of the town was made after finding she had not boarded a train at the depot, but no trace of her could be found, until late in the afternoon when it was learned that the East Lynn local had in some mysterious way passed on for a few moments a short distance from the station and a bent figure dressed in deep mourning was helped up the steps. Then the mystery cleared. But by this time Lila was in Catlettsburg, where she met her lover. They took a train immediately for Louisa, where they were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony, by Rev. Hay.

Lila is one of our most beautiful girls and is highly esteemed by all who know her.

Mr. Meek is the son of Fernando Meek, a prosperous farmer of Busseyville, Ky.—Wayne News.

## MARTIN COUNTY.

Landrum Hale has been assigned to duty at the Huntington office of the United Fuel Gas company. He expects to move his family to the city within the near future.

Jasper H. Precece spent Saturday and Sunday at his home on Wolfe creek.

It is understood that the Federal Oil and Gas company is leasing extensively in this county. A well was drilled between Big Elk and Turkey creeks and reports have it that a good showing of oil was obtained. Competition for leases should result in bringing better terms to the land owners.

## MIND UNBALANCED.

Mr. Geo. Dameron, of Stone was a business visitor in town Tuesday and while here received a message from Dunlow, Wayne-co., saying that his son G. C. Dameron had gone violently insane. Mr. Dameron owns a nice farm in Wayne-co. and his son has been operating it for him. Mr. Dameron left Tuesday afternoon for Dunlow to do all that is possible for the young man.

—Williamson News.

## A WOMAN KILLED AT PAINTSVILLE

MRS. HEREFORD PRESTON RUN  
DOWN BY A TRAIN NEAR  
HER HOME.

Mrs. Hereford Preston was killed near Paintsville Wednesday evening, by a train. She was picking up coal on the side track in front of her home near the mouth of Paint creek when some cars were run in on the siding. She did not see them and was caught. The body was considerably mangled and death came at once.

She was the mother of Ben Preston, one of the telegraph operators at Paintsville station. Her husband died last summer. She was a good woman and her death brings deep sorrow to the community in which she lived.

## A COUNTY MAP.

Mr. Laban Wallace, of this city, has just finished the best map of Lawrence county and vicinity ever made. It showed very plainly and correctly the location of every highway and water course in the county, giving their names, source and mouth.

The public roads and in many instances the private passways are marked so they can be recognized as such at a glance. Stores, churches and private residences, and every school house are on this map, properly located and named. The map was made from correct surveys made by Mr. Wallace, who is a competent surveyor, and is correct in every particular. It is a map which should be in every school house in the county so that the pupils could learn from it the physical geography of the county in which they live, something of which too many of them are entirely ignorant. Not only should the public school houses have a copy of this map, but it is a very good thing to have in ones house or place of business. Mr. Wallace has had quite a number of blue print copies made of this map and offers them for sale at the low price of one dollar each. The map is about a yard wide by 42 or 43 inches long, printed on heavy paper, and with proper care will last a long time. Those interested can see one of the maps in the NEWS office.

## RECORDS FOR LONGEVITY.

The Webbs of Letcher-co., descendants of Daniel Boone, boast of another remarkable family—the progeny of the late "Uncle" Enoch Webb, whose family of six is living at an average age of 80 years each. "Aunt" Jennie Webb Holbrook is nearing her ninety-second milestone, "Uncle" Ned is 90, Enoch 84, Sam A. 80, Dutch 70 and Joseph N. 65. Until a few weeks ago there were seven of the family. Riley Webb died in Magoffin-co. at the age of 82 years.

## DEATH AT PRICHARD, W. VA.

John Chaffin, a boy 14 years old, died at Prichard, W. Va., a few days ago, after a brief illness.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF ZOLL BALL, OF MATTIE

HIS WIFE WAS AWAKENED BY  
THE DEATH STRUG-  
GLES.

On Monday last Mr. Zoll Ball, a well known citizen of Mattie, this county, went to bed in his usual good health. Some time in the night his wife was awakened by the storm, and found that her husband was very sick and in what proved to be a dying condition. The physician who was called was unable to account for his death. The deceased was a highly respected man, 38 years old.

Several children were left to mourn the loss of a good father. Mrs. Ball is a daughter of the Rev. Lewis Spencer.

## BEAR CREEK.

Mrs. Susie Lambert of Huntington, W. Va., is visiting home folks.

Bee Queen of Estep passed down our creek enroute to Rove creek.

Grandma Bryant is no better at this writing.

Several attended prayer meeting Thursday night.

Maude and Gertie Miller are contemplating a visit to Ashland soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Vanhorn were visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Vanhorn Sunday.

Louis Nunley was visiting at Darby Gilliam's Saturday night.

Ruth Bellomy was shopping at Adeline Tuesday.

Hattie Tomlin passed up our creek Friday enroute to East Fork.

Commodore and Theodore Ruggles were calling at John Tomlin's Sunday.

Uncle Dad Conley is preparing for moving and he will be greatly missed. Johnnie Petry is visiting her grandmother at Bolts Fork.

Frank Nunley and James Forget passed down our creek Sunday last.

Fannie Ball is visiting home folks this week.

W. M. Bellomy and daughters made a business trip to Louisa.

D. B. Vanhorn and S. S. Bellomy were business callers at Louisa Tuesday.

YANKEE.

## DUMMY IS CUT DOWN BY BROTHER.

Jackson, Ky., March 4.—State Senator, Charles D. Arnett, of the Thirty-fourth district, was hanged in effigy to a telephone cable in front of the court house here early this morning.

A placard across the breast of the image strung up read: "Senator Charles D. Arnett, the Traitor."

The dummy was cut down by Senator Arnett's brother, Samuel Arnett, who saw it while he was on his way to his desk in the Hargis bank about eight o'clock.

The figure had many bullet holes in it.

There is no clew to the persons who participated in the affair, but a large party of men was heard to cross the bridge about 2 o'clock this morning, and as there had been a lot of shooting down in the business part of town a short time earlier, it is supposed that the members of this band may know something about it.

Some dissatisfaction had been expressed here concerning Senator Arnett's attitude toward the creation of new judicial districts. He was in favor of making Wolfe and Breathitt county a new district, it was stated, and later, was said to have been an advocate of the movement making a district out of Wolfe, Morgan and Magoffin counties.

## CRUDE OIL IS \$1.85.

Seven Cents Per Barrel Added to the  
Price in Kentucky.

The price of crude oil has received another advance. The Kentucky field now receives \$1.55 per barrel, which is an increase of seven cents over the price of last week. It is predicted the price will reach \$2.00. This belief is based upon the strong demand for gasoline and all oil products, and the fact that production is not keeping pace with the demand.

Drilling is expected to become very active in the Louisa field this spring.

A good well came in recently on T. H. Burchett's land and another on the Yates farm on Blaine.

## NEW CHURCH FOR WILLIAMSON.

It is reported that the M. E. Church, South, of this city, has purchased the C. F. Vaughan corner property on Second-av., for the purpose of erecting their proposed place of worship. This is the right thing to do. We wish to see our Methodist friend erect a structure after this generation is gone. This congregation is to be commended for their energy and foresight in this great work of advancing the cause of religion in our midst.—Williamson News.

## J. B. ALEXANDER DEAD.

Mr. H. R. Alexander, of this city, has recently sustained the loss by death of his father, Mr. J. B. Alexander. This sad event occurred Tuesday, February 29th, at Charleston, W. Va. His son received Tuesday morning a telegram informing him of the critical illness of his aged parent, and left at once for his bedside, but death occurred before he reached Charleston.

Burial was made at Gallipolis, the former home of the deceased, whose demise was caused by hardening of the arteries. He was 77 years old. Mrs. H. R. Alexander and daughter, Miss Helen, attended the funeral.

## FORT GAY.

Attorney Fisher Scags of Wayne, candidate for prosecuting attorney, and Homer Marcum, of Ceredo, were visitors here Friday.

The old council of this place will meet as a canvassing board Monday night to issue certificates in the town election held January 6, 1916.

J. P. Billups, justice of this place was called to Logan last Thursday where his son Raymond was injured by falling slate in one of the mines there.

Miss Grace Selbee, of Louisa visited her sister, Mrs. Henry Hensley, Friday.

Miss Gussie Reynolds was shopping in Louisa Thursday.

Mrs. Carl Frasier has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Vaughan, of Kentucky for the past few days.

The county is having a new bridge erected over Mill creek, east of town. It is reported that it will be ready for use within a few days.

Politics is warming up a Butler. Several candidates hail from this district.

Roy E. Selbee, who has been serving in the United States Marine corps for the past four years, will be discharged the first of the month, as his enlistment expires then.

## DEEP HOLE.

Dewitt Diamond and John R. Diamond were business visitors on Morgans creek recently.

Frances, the little daughter of Brinson Roberts, accidentally stuck the point of a pair of scissors in her eye, but fortunately not hurting the sight.

Th next oil well in this vicinity will be on the Crider farm.

Dewitt Diamond, one of our most progressive farmers, is sowing one hundred dollars' worth of grass seed this spring.

Virgil Rice has had a severe case of lung fever, but is on the road to recovery now.

Rev. L. M. Copley will be at the Deep Hole school house the second Sunday in March (March 12), 10:00 a. m. in the interest of the Sunday school. Let everybody in this neighborhood who are interested in a Sunday school be present.

DAN D. LYON.